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**PENCE AWARDED “TAXPAYERS’ FRIEND AWARD” BY NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION**

**Washington, Apr 27, 2004** – WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence today received the “Taxpayers’ Friend Award” from the National Taxpayers Union (NTU) for his fiscally responsible voting record in 2003.

“I’m honored to receive recognition from an organization that I regard so highly,” Pence said. “It is a privilege to join the fine people at the National Taxpayers Union in fighting for fiscal discipline in Congress and tax relief for the deserving people in Indiana’s Sixth Congressional District.”

Eligibility for the award was based on 287 House votes that affected fiscal policy. Just 20 other members in the House were eligible for recognition.

“By consistently voting to reduce federal spending, taxes, and debt, Congressman Pence has truly earned the title, ‘Taxpayers’ Friend,’” said NTU President John Berthoud. “If every member of Congress had voted as responsibly as Congressman Pence did in 2003, Americans could enjoy much lower taxes and less waste in government.”

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